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The new claims 71 to 73 essentially correspond to claim 38, but respectively depend upon claims 22, 23 and 29, and are therefore allowable for the same reasons as their respective base claims.

The new claims 74 to 78 essentially correspond to claim 56, but respectively depend upon claims 40, 41, 46, 48 and 51, and are therefore allowable for the same reasons as their respective base claims.

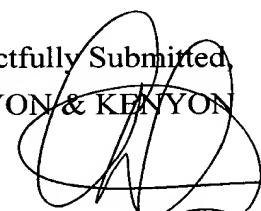
The new claims 79 to 82 correspond to claim 57, but respectively depend upon claims 41, 42, 46 and 48, and are therefore allowable for the same reasons as their respective base claims.

In summary, it is respectfully submitted that all of claims 1 to 82 of the present application are allowable for at least the foregoing reasons.

CONCLUSION

In view of all of the above, it is believed that the objections to and rejections of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102 have been obviated, and that all of the claims objected to and/or rejected, as well as new claims 58 to 82, are allowable -- like allowed claims 8 to 12, 27 to 31 and 46 to 50. It is therefore respectfully requested that the objections and rejections be reconsidered and withdrawn, and that the present application issue as early as possible.

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